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Further information on Extra 155/97 (ASA 21/86/97, 14 November 1997) - Fear of ill-treatment / Medical Concern / Ill-treatment / Excessive use of force

EAST TIMOR	**Antonio Viegas, 24, student**	**]**
	Albino Bareto, 24, student (previously Barros)	**] thought to have**
	Natalina de Araujo [f], student	**]been released**
	And at least two other students (names unknown)	**]**
New Names	**Bernadino Simao, student**	
	Silverio Batista Ximenes, student	
	Juvinal dos Santos, student	
	Vicente Marcos da Cruz, student	
	Fransisco de Deus, student	
	Domingos da Silva, student	

There are believed to be six students remaining in police custody who, it is understood, are facing charges in connection with the disturbance at the University of East Timor in Dili, on 14 November 1997.

The six in police custody are Bernadino Simao, Silverio Batista Ximenes, Juvinal dos Santos, Vicente Marcos da Cruz, Fransisco de Deus and Domingos da Silva. Earlier reports stated that up to 11 students had been taken into custody, though the total number of people arrested is not clear. The University of East Timor has reported that three other students, also believed to have been arrested, remain missing, but Amnesty International cannot confirm they are in custody.

Five students wounded in the disturbances and two members of the security forces were treated in Dili's military hospital, Wirahusada. At least three of the students and possibly all five are now thought to have been released. The students were denied access to representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) during the first 24 hours in custody at the military hospital.

On 24 November, Indonesia's National Commission on Human Rights, (*Komnas HAM)*, announced findings of a preliminary inquiry into the incident. The Commission stated that it believed no one had died as a result of the incident but condemned the use of violence by the security forces in dealing with the students. *Komnas HAM* stated *"students suffered gunshot wounds, their teeth were smashed, faces swollen and bruised as a result of being hit by blunt objects"* (Reuters, 24 November 1997).

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/faxes/express/airmail letters in Bahasa Indonesia, English, or in your own language:
- seeking clarification concerning the charges against Bernadino Simao, Silverio Batista Ximenes, Juvinal dos Santos, Vicente Marcos da Cruz, Fransisco de Deus and Domingos da Silva, remaining in police custody since 14 November 1997;
- urging the authorities to ensure that they be granted regular and unhindered access to independent lawyers;
- calling on the authorities to act on the Indonesian National Commission on Human Rights, (*Komnas HAM)* investigation into the incident to ensure that members of the security forces believed to be responsible for use of excessive force are brought to justice.

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